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SUBJ: GOK MEASURES AGAINST GETTY OIL CO.

REF: KUWAIT 2170, 2176

1. GETTY OIL CO MANAGER CHASE INFORMED EMBASSY JUNE 13 THAT GOK FREEZE HAS BEEN DROPPED AS RESULT SAUDI COMPLAINT TO GOK AND GETTY IS CONTINUING LOAD OIL. OTHERWISE, HOWEVER, SITUATION NOT IMPROVING SINCE GOK STILL INSISTING GETTY MUST HIRE KUWAITIS AND KUWAITI CONTRACTORS, ETC.

2. ANDERSONS HAVE LEFT KUWAIT. MRS HOFFMAN PERMITTED RETURN FOR ONE DAY TO PACK, BUT MR HOFFMAN NOT ALLOWED RETURN. ALL REQUESTS FROM COMPANY FOR EXPLANATION HAVE MET KUWAITI REFUSAL DISCUSS MATTER, STATING OUSTING OF ANDERSON AND HOFFMAN WAS "INTERNAL SECURITY MATTER."

3. COMMENT: CHARGE HAD DISCUSSION WITH MINFINANCE AND OIL OFFICIAL WHO FULLY AWARE OF CASE. IMPRESSION HE CONVEYED IS THAT SITUATION CONFIDENTIAL

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WAS SATISFACTORY, ALTHOUGH DIFFICULT, DURING PRESENCE FORMER GETTY

MANAGER SCOTT WHO MADE SINCERE EFFORT COOPERATE WITH KUWAITI
AUTHORITIES. SCOTT ABRUPTLY DISMISSED LAST YEAR AND NEW MANAGER
APPARENTLY REVERTING TO OLD GETTY POLICY OF NO COOPERATION (AND
ESPECIALLY NO SPENDING OF MONEY) UNLESS IT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.
KUWAITI DIGNITY HAS CLEARLY BEEN OFFENDED IN PROCESS AND KUWAITI
CITIZENS ARE COMPLAINING. IT APPEARS THAT GOK DECIDED IT HAD
TO DRAW THE LINE SOMEWHERE.
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